

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 November 1995
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Bizarre Fetish and Fantasy Issue #4
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Bizarre Spartacus Publishing Corp.
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:
Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Section 27

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept

and

That the publication must be publicly displayed in a sealed package

and

That the publication; or any advertising poster relating to the publication, or both, must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine contains explicit displays and descriptions of sexually fetishistic material. The focus in this is on the SM practice of Bondage and Discipline in which consenting participants involve themselves in binding and chastisement, inflicting or suffering pain for pleasure, occasional cross-dressing or sex changing, one instance of infantilism (dressing/acting as a baby), enacting humiliating activities which may degrade, dehumanise or demean the participants.

The Indecent Publications Tribunal in decision No. 127/93 found the publication *Bizarre Vol 2* which is published by the same publisher as the above discussed magazine, and is considered to be of the same series, to be unconditionally indecent under the Indecent Publications Act 1963.

The content of the magazine is found to present in a manner in which the contrived nature of the activity as well as the consent involved is made clear to the reader.

Due to the adult sexual activity which is presented, the magazine is classified objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

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